## WASHINGTON IN 1890.

## The Important Events in the District During the Year.

A PAGE OF LOCAL HISTORY

Activity in Many Directions-Much Good Legislation in the District's Interest and Much Progress Made-The Growth and Prosperity of the Capital.

As the representative of the people of the District of Columbia in the newspaper firmament, THE STAR considers it a duty and pleasure to lay before its readers at the beginning of each year a brief summary of the local happenings during the preceding twelve months. During the year 1890 much has ocupward progress of the city and District has been so marked as to point to a realization of the dream of the founders-that Washing-

Every ten years Uncle Sam counts noses in his family. In Washington the work of taking the fore, 52,768, or 29,71 per cent. The police census July 12. taken in 1889 showed a total of 218,157. It was In the rather unfortunate for the District that the in against the bill from citizens of the District.

Associations of citizens, federations of labor tion of the population were absent. The show-ing, however, was highly creditable to the

portion of the outlying country in the District gregating nearly \$8,000,000, which is a showing to be proud of. The new buildings erected have been of all sizes and all classes, but the tendency has always been toward a neat style the handsomest city in the world.

REAL ESTATE INTERESTS. The year has been one of activity in real estate. A great deal of building was done in the city, especially in the line of small houses. During the spring extensive purchases were and the bill passed. made of suburban property in the vicinity of town electric road, completed during the year. Rockville road to Bethesda and eventually to Rockville. These roads will be ready for busisuburban property was the extensive purchase

and for two miles beyond the District line by the representative of the Sharon estate and others. The purchase of the land involved an several of the schemes have received considersame anspices the building of the Rock creek talk of electric road was begun, involving tremendous engineering work and an outlay of about a half of dollars. This roud will be seven miles long and will be completed about May I. Another important real estate transaction marking the past year was the acquisition by the government of 2.000 acres of land along Rock creek, stretching from Klingle ford to the District line, for the purpose of a national park. The Eastern Branch bridge was opened during the year and property in that locality as well as along the line of the railroads was During the spring one of the features of the real estate market was the heavy transaction; bered for the passage of the bill providing for in suburban property, extending on the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio as far as Laurel. Another notable feature of the market was the extensive dealings in busi-

was especially noticeable in G street property and in property on the side streets. The highest price ever paid for business property was reached during the past year.

The number of subdivisions recorded during the year was 156 in Washington, 7 in Georgetown and 63 in the county. THE CITY'S DEAD.

The District of Columbia has increased in size, but has at the same time suffered many losses by death. The death rate of the city other cities is satisfactory. Washington suffers in this respect from having so many non-residents die on her hands who are not reckoned in her population, but who are counted among her dead in making up the death rate percent-ages. In the early months of the year the pre-vailing disease, the grip, played havoe in Washington as well as in other localities.

The number of deaths up to December 29 was 5,495, divided as follows: January, 652; Febru-ary, 387; March, 452; April, 458; May, 417; June, ary, 337; March, 452; April, 458; May, 417; June, 569; July, 542; August, 382; September, 408; October, 481; November, 362; December, 285.

Many notable men breathed their last within our boundaries during the twelve months. Among the local deaths were Hon. Wm. Kelley, Walker Blaine, Mrs. Tracy and Miss Mary Tracy, Wm. P. Taulbee, Gen. Robert Schenek, Congressman Kandail, Senator James Beck, Representative L. T. Watson, Gen. W. W. Belknap, Justice Sampel F. Miller, Gen. Decid. H. Backsbeen, Surgeon General Eaxter, Alonzo
H. Parks, Richard H. Clarke, Dr. Charles McMillan, Martin M. Mauger, Hugh A. Goldsborough, Dr. E. A. Adams, E. B. Barnum, Hon.
W. W. Boyce, James D. O'Donnell, Capt. W. P.
Sanger, J. Jay Camp, J. M. Parker, A. A. Duly,
Wm. Wallace Warden, Capt. John P. Bentley,
Col. W. H. Chase, John R. Baker, Col. Thos. G. Crocker, Samuel H. Wimsatt, W. H. Faulkner, A. B. Mullett, Judge Wm. B. Snell, W. Haugh-wort Howe, Wm. Pope, E. W. Fox and Wash-

CONSUMPTION CURE. The discovery by Dr. Koch of Berlin of a cure for bacilli tubuculoses has excited interest in Washington as in other places. The arrival here of a supply of the lymph and the innocu-

One of the most important of local events during the past year was the passage through Congress of a bill providing for a new city post | to office. The old office has fallen into such a deplorable condition that relief was a positive necessity. The site selected on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue between 11th and 12th asylvania avenue between 11th and 12th

streets is entirely suitable and Washington will soon be able to boast of at least one respectable city building.

The fight for the new building has been a long and ardnous one. In March the House passed a bill providing for a post office at the corner of 9th and Pennsylvania avenue. The Senate committee on public buildings and grounds at first agreed to this site and it was thought that the question was settled. The committee, however, reconsidered their action and in a conference meeting between the two committees the site at 11th and Pennsylvania avenue was decided on. The House passed the bill on June 10 and the Senate on the same day. The President added his signature and Wash-ington had gained that for which it had been struggling for years. It has been found neces-

sary to have recourse to condemnation in se-curing the ground and Judge James has al-ready appointed and instructed the appraisers. During the past year a new branch post office THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. Steps have been taken during the past year which will result in several new government res attention has repeatedly been called to an enormous sum was being annually spent by the government for rent. Congress last year the government for rent. Congress last year authorized a commission to select a site for a new government printing office and after ad-vertising the commission selected the old base ball park known as Capitol Park. It was found

that the owner to this property was unable to furnish a clear title and condemnation pro-

this city. The House has taken no action on these bills. The needs for additional room for the patent office have been brought to the attention of Congress, but no action he

been taken.

The Senate has done its share in providing the Supreme Court with a new home, having passed a bill for the purchase of the site corresponding to the one on which the new library building is now being erected. Work during the year has been continued on the new I brary building and another story added. BAILBOAD RAPACITY.

The Pennsylvania railroad has not entirely swallowed Washington during the past year, but it has taken a considerable bite and is still hungry. The needs and wishes of Washington in respect to the Pennsylvania railroad situation are too well known to need extended com-ment. From January to January the fight has gone on, the railroad advancing and the people struggling to retain some few rights. Confer-ences began on the freight blockade question with Baltimore and Potomac officials early in

January. Congress had scarcely met before bills relat ing to the railroad problem commenced to pour in. Among them was the Atkinson bill, drawn up by the railroad, which needs months. During the year 1850 much has oc-curred for which the citizens of Washington ington. It condoned all past offenses of the have cause to congratulate themselves. The company, legalized their unlawful actions and clinched their occupation of streets, reserva-tions and parks. In March the board of trade took a hand in the controversy and by a unani mous vote adopted the report of the commit ton in time would be not only the capital of tee on railroads, condemning the Atkinson bil the nation, but from an artistic, literary, educa- and calling for measures of relief. 'The board the nation, but from an artistic, literary, educa-tional and social point of view the capital of road committee appeared before both District committees and vigorously protested against the enactment of the Atkinson bill.

THE BILL REPORTED. In spite of the resistance of Washington both census was performed under the supervision of | congressional committees favorably reported Mr. Harrison Dingman and the work was well | the bill during May. The fight was then trans-The census showed the District of Co- ferred to the floor of the House and on District days from that time on District business was habitants. In 1880 the population of the district entirely blocked by the measure. The bill was was 177,624. The gain in ten years was, there-

and trades unions were alike in their condem-nation of the bill as it stood. July 14 very nearly proved the death of the bill, as the The city has grown, there is no doubt about report a bill moving the Pennsylvania station that, and the past year has seen a considerable from the mall. During July over 13,000 citizens of Washington signed a petition protestcovered with homes. Up to date 3,825 build-had been hard at work with a strong lobby an ing permits have been issued for houses, ag- on August 11 the vote by which the bill was recommitted was reconsidered and the discussion commenced anew. Finally a few amendments being a provision for a commission to report to of architecture and the buildings of 1890 tend to further clinch Washington's claim to being the Pennsylvania railroad tracks. The bill was then reported from the committee of the

In the Senate the McPherson bill, which corresponded to the Atkinson bill, was passed with scarcely a murmur on September 24. The long fight in the House was ended on December 8 The Senate substituted its own bill for the

Tenlevtown and beyond into Maryland, which | House bill and a conference was necessary. The was stimulated by the building of the Tenley- conference committee distinguished itself by the commission clause from the From the terminus of this road at the District line the building of two electric roads was begun—one to extend west to Glen Echo on in the Senate with every prospect of passage. OTHER RAILROADS.

While the Pennsylvania road has been the main topic in District railway circles there ness in the spring. The most notable transaction that has ever been known in the history of have been other events. Bills were also introduced in Congress in regard to the Baltimore ng the line of Connecticut avenue and Ohio road. A number of steam railroads have asked for entrance to the District, and Under the able support. There has been continued Bock creek talk of a railway down the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal into Georgetown and across Rock creek into the city. The Georgetown Barge, Dock, Elevator and Railroad Company and the Washington and Western road have asked pretty much the same route so far as the District is concerned. Another bill which has received favorable consideration by the committee is the one chartering an extensi of the Drum Point road into the city. During the year several deaths have occurred on

A PARK AT LAST. Locally the past year will long be remem-

the market was the extensive dealings in business property in the section of the city bounded by 9th and 15th streets, Pennsylvania avenue and New York avenue. The activity was especially noticeable in G street property of the treasury while the House believed the District should pay one-half the cost. A bill to this effect was reported to the House March 12. The board of trade at its meeting in March called for the new park in unmistakable words. The bill was debated in the House on March 24 and April 28. The bill was considerably amended and passed May 26. The House agreed to the conference. agreed to the conference report September 25 and the Senate on the following day. The con-ference report placed half the cost on the Dis-trict. On September 30 the President apduring the year has been somewhat larger pointed the park commission and the work of than could be wished, but compared with fixing the boundaries was immediately commenced. The valley was thoroughly explored and surveys have been made defining the

> THE ANIMALS' HOME. The Zoological Park has further advanced during the year. The commission has been actively at work. Congress this year appropriated \$92,000 for the maintenance of the park, the money to be spent in erecting buildings, &c. One-half of this sum is to be paid by the District, although the Senate made a vigorous opposition to this unjust provision.

BEATEN BY CHICAGO. Washington did not secure the world's fair. She made a valiant effort in that direction, but our legislators did not appreciate the suitability of holding a national fair at the national Representative L. T. Watson, Gen. W. B. Belknap, Justice Samuel F. Miller, Gen. David R. McKibben, Surgeon General Eaxter, Alonzo has only good wishes for the success of the enterprise. It is hoped that, by some means, the terprise.

fair.
The idea of a world's fair originated in the brain of one of Washington's citizens—Mr. A. D. Anderson. January 7 Senator Faulkner in-troduced the Washington bill. Later on in January the District's claims as well as those of the other contesting cities were presented to the Senate committee. The House balloted for a site Febuary 24, and on the eighth ballot Chicago was chosen, the vote standing— Chicago, 157; New York, 107; St. Louis, 25, and Washington, 13. The bill was finally passed in ASSOCIATIONS OF CITIZENS

First of all comes the board of trade, which is purely an 1890 institution, and which in the lation of a number of patients has drawn even greater attention to the subject. The patients who have been treated are watched closely, and who have been treated are watched closely, and from that time the organization has been and from that time the organization has been and from that time the organization has been active in furthering the best interests of the District. Almost immediately after the or-ganization the railroad committee began hold-ing conferences with the Baltimore and Potomac officials in an endeavor to settle by some means the railroad question in the city. Febuary 14 saw an important meeting of the board in which the railroad situation was discused, while among the other matters touched on were the questions of street improvements, the necessity for a new post office, the question of public charities, needs in river improvement and the work house.

During the year committees from the board have been active in advancing legislation for the capital. The strong weight of the boards.

the capital. The strong weight of the board's influence greatly aided the passage of the Rock Creek Park bill. The board has constantly struggled in opposition to the Atkinson bill.

Another meeting of the organization was held Another meeting of the organization was held in March, when the railroad committee's re-port denouncing the Atkinson bill was unani-monsly adopted, while the Rock Creek Park

Matters pertaining to street railways have been very active during the twelve months which have just passed. The various trainway projects affoat would, if carried out, completely on the city streets and extend into the country in every direction. During the year the routes of the Anacostia and Poto-mac, the Eckington and Soldiers Home, Georgetown and Tenleytown, the Rock Creek and the Brightwood were altered and extended. Nearly all of these roads have bills before Con-The most important railway transaction during the year was the completion and operation of a cable line on 7th street. The cable cars

ommenced running on April 12.

Another important event has been the building of an extension of the Eckington and Soldiers Home road down G street to the Treasury Department, underground electric wires to be used. Two other charters which have been extensively debated are the Washington and Arlington and the Georgetown and Arlington franchises. Congress has been exceedingly active in rail-

way matters other than the granting of charters. A bill has been passed providing for an-nual reports from the companies, while a prorision was added to the appropriation bill com-pelling the Washington and Georgetown and the Metropolitan roads to alter their motive of charter. The former road has decided to put a cable on the avenue and 14th street, while the latter will use an electric motor. These two improvements which are now assured will be of the greatest benefit to the railway facilities of sent.

Congress has also authorized roads to issue stock sufficient to cover the cost of changing motive power.

Lately the street roads have met with some drawbacks at the Capitol. The House December 8 passed a bill which the railroad interests declare would work most disastrously to them should it become a law. It was a bill which originally provided that street railways should issue tickets in slips which should be used but once. When the bill passed the House it not only contained the original provisions, but also said that eight tickets were to be sold for twenty-five cents, and that unless a seat was furnished a passenger no fare was to be col-

The Washington and Georgetown road and the citizens of Mt. Pleasant have been having a little contention of their own, the citizens claiming that the road was neglecting tha thriving locality.

DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

Congress has taken an unusual interest in the District this year and a considerable extent of time has been spent over her interests. The passage of the Rock Creek Park bill and the city post office bill stand out as shining exam-ples, while the work done on behalf of the Pennsylvania railroad does not shine to any great ex-

The District appropriation bill was reported to the House early in January, and was passed by that body January 9. The House bill appropriated \$5,332,934. The Senate committee reported an amended bill in April, which the Senate passed April 23. This bill appropriated Senate passed April 23. This bill appropriated \$6,095,744. A conference ensued, and a conference bill was reported with a total of \$5,537,462, which was adopted in July.

The appropriation bill which the House committee has recently reported appropriated \$5,083,227,93.

the discharge of their duties and the number of hearings given outside parties has been larger Both committees gave numerous hearings

Both District committees have been active in

March 10 was a District day and the House tax arrearages bill, Anacostia railway, overdue taxes, Eckington and Soldiers' Home road extension and Georgetown and Tenleytown road extension. A few days later the Senate passed the tax arrearages, the overdue taxes the Christ Church. the tax arrearages, the overdue taxes, the Christ Church, the Anacostia railway and the

Eckington road bills.

The passage of the general deficiency bill and the sundry civil bill were of interest to the District on account of the local items.

A bill was passed during the session for a free bathing beach on the Potomac and a bill to prevent pool selling in the district, which latter measure was vetoed by the President.

In December an important bill was passed in regard to preventing the spread of diptheria.

Ward charged with the murder of Maurice Adler. The trial lasted from December 10 to December 24 and resulted in an acquittal. Since the trial of Guiteau scarcely any case has excited so much interest in the city.

At the Police Court some repairs and changes have been made and the court, although in an overcrowded and dilapidated building, is more comfortable than formerly.

THE BAR ASSOCIATION.

regard to preventing the spread of diptheria and scarlet fever in the district. The House on the last district day passed a

gress have been numerous. Pension Commis-sioner Raum has been investigated. The civil service commission was investigated and the committee rendered a report exonerating Commissioners Roosevelt and Thompson from charges. Investigations were also held on the Ohio ballot-box forgeries and on Postmaster Wheat of the House post office.

AT THE DISTRICT BUILDING The year has been a more than usually activ

duties February 14.

The Commissioners continued the plan which they had inaugurated of giving public hearings on bills referred to them for report.

In July broke out a controversy at the building, which finally resulted in the resignation of Mr. Hine. The controversy was on the question of the power and duties of the Engineer Commissioner and more expecially of the Congression. neer Commissioner, and more especially of the Engineer Commissioner's assistants. Commis-

the Commissioners and Congress last thereof opposed in March, when the railroad committee's report denouncing the Atkinson bill was manimonaly adopted, while the Röck Creck Park and the city post office were discussed with in the absence of the Engineer Commissioners has all constituting two Commissioners has all constitutions of Washington Washi

tirely. The year has proved a prosperous one for every line of business. Each year sees Washington supplied with more and better stores, and in this year, 1891, in the extent and quality of goods, size and beauty of buildings, and above all in the enterprise of the proprietors. Washington may well invite comparison with any city in the country. During the year four new banks and two trust companies have been organized. There have been 7,801 transfers of real property.

National Academy of Sciences, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, convention colored Baptist churches, convention for revision of pharmacopæia, American Burgical Association, Northwest section, \$28,000.

States Brewers' Association, American branch Universal Peace Union, convention of architects, wholesale druggists' convention, Catholic Young Men's National Union, convention for treit street ich has been the various proposals tension of the streets and convention Maryland Lutheran Synod, outlying subdivisions on the convention Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, convention colored Baptist churches, convention for revision of have been improved in this Northwest section. \$288,000.

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speculative fever.

The failures during the year have been few and of a minor character. The imports at Georgetown custom house are never very large and have been smaller than usual this year on account of the closing of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal.

Estides all these the city has had many dis-tinguished visitors. Henry Stanley has been here recently. The Compte de Paris spent sev-eral days visiting the points of interest. The Philadelphia produce merchants were here, as well as the Pennsylvania editors, the German and British iron and steel men and the New England grocers. At present the city has as gnests 300 school teachers from the north. A CENTER FOR LEARNING.

Washington each year is becoming more and more the educational center of the country. The year 1889 saw the commencement of great Catholic university in the District and in the past year plans have greatly advanced for the founding here of an equally great Methodist university.

Mr. Edmunds has introduced his bill provid-

ing for a grand national university in this city. Bishop Hurst has been at the head of the Methodist university plan and his interest has been

The actual work of getting the new univer-sity started has already been commenced. The site will be at the end of the proposed extension of Massachusetts avenue. Money is now being collected and the university is to be pushed to a completion as rapidly as possible. Meetings have been held in this city and at other points at which the proposal has been entically indorsed. There has also been considerable talk during

appointed president of Howard University. At Georgetown College ground will soon be broken for a new building.

The private educational institutions have never been in a more flourishing condition and Washington is rapidly becoming recognized as the best possible place to which scholars can be

versity. During the past year Dr. Rankin was

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The public schools of Washington have advanced in the last year at a rapid rate, although the fact has been repeatedly brought for the city. Early in the year the new wing to the High School was opened, and it was thought that the High School would not be owded for some time. The end of the year, however, shows the necessity for even more room at this building. Several additional buildings have been added during the year. THE CITY'S MORALS.

The millenium has not been reached in Vashington as yet, and during the past twelve nonths a number of crimes have been comnitted and a number of persons punished. During the year there have been 24,550 arrests. A large portion of this number naturally were petty offenses or of innocent persons. re have been few serious robberies. The trials of Lieut. Guy and Detective Block have created attention during the year. There have een a number of homicides during the year, but the record both as to arrests and convictions compares very favorably with last year' KINCAID KILLS TAULBEE.

The most important shooting of the year was that of ex-Congressman Taulbee by Newspaper Correspondent Kincaid at the Capitol on February 28. Taulbee did not die until March 11, when he expired at Providence Hospital. Kincaid was subsequently released on bail. Other homicides during the year were as follows: Mc-Clelland shoots Benton January 21; Geo. Wells stabs Charlie Watson March 13; Harrison kills

his punishment changed to imprisonment for life. On May 29 Benjamin Hawkins was hung in the District jail for wife murder.

The Parker-Brown shooting case created attention, while the embezzlement by B. Shepard White and his subsequent arrest and release on bail were subjects of much comment.

AT THE COURTS. During the past year Chief Justice Bingham

tion during the year was the trial of Frank K. Ward charged with the murder of Maurice Ad-ler. The trial lasted from December 10 to De-

THE BAR ASSOCIATION.

The Bar Association has been an exceedingly active institution. It has directed its attention bill regulating steam engineering in the district. to a number of affairs, but has mainly exerted bill regulating steam engineering in the district, providing for a board of examiners and various lines and penalties.

Both houses have also passed the needed bill providing for a quorum of the Commissioners.

GENERAL LEGISLATION.

Congress has been with us nearly all the year, the first session being greatly extended. The session has been an active and exciting one. A tariff and silver bill have been passed and an election bill has got through the House. An anti-lottery law has also been enacted, The Senate passed, but the House defeated, a resolution for the removal of Gen. Grant's body to Washington. Above all, two new states were admitted.

The investigations during the Fifty-first Congress have been numerous. Pension Commissioners have been held.

The work of compiling the District laws has been further advanced by the commission appointed for that purpose in 1889.

The question of a new Sunday law for the District of Columbia has been agitated during the last year, and several public meetings not to speak of hearings before the District committees and Commissioners have been held.

A NEW LIQUOR LAW.

A NEW LIQUOR LAW. The liquor question has excited a good deal year the 1.000-foot limit for licenses has been enforced by the Commissioners in that part of the District lying without the city limits. A the District tying without the city limits. A number of bills have been drawn up providing for a new liquor license law. The Commissioners, after holding a number of hearings on the question, submitted two bills to the House District committee. The committee also gave hearings on the subject and are now engaged in profesting a new law. The committee of desirable systems discussed and a number of desirable systems. one among our District rance.

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sioners—and during the twelve months several important changes have been made. Early in February Lieut. Col. H. M. Robert was appointed Engineer Commissioner in place of Maj. Raymond. Col. Robert assumed his new duties February 14.

The Commissioners continued the plan which There has been agitation in favor of an inebriate's home in the District. The questions as to the law in regard to minors and to the inmates the law in regard to minors and to the inmates.

Congress during the last session has expresse Eagineer Commissioner's assistants. Commissioner Hine resigned August 14 and his resignation was followed by a newspaper argument between himself and Col. Robert.

The Guy trial, which had been one of the factors in the trouble, was continued for some time, and has not yet been finally settled. In September John W. Ross was appointed Commissioner vice Mr. Hine, and he assumed office October 1.

Lately a new question has arisen at the District building. It was intimated by a judge of the District court that ou taking any motion the Commissioners must fall be present, and that two members did not constitute a quorum. This suggestion greatly hampered the action of the Commissioners and Congress was appealed to for relief, and Congress has therefore passed a bill constituting two Commissioners as a

regulated. The different sections of the city have been improved in this respect as follows:
Northwest section. \$268,086.38; Southwest, \$58,385.57; Southeast, \$60,482.28; Northeast,

been the various proposals in regard to the ex-tension of the streets and avenues through the outlying subdivisions on the same general plan as the city streets. A bill for this purpose was considered by the Commissioners, reported favorably by them to the committees of Congress, argued for by a committee of the board of trade and other parties, and reported favor-ably to the House May 24. The bill has not yet been considered in the House, but the probabilities are that before adjournment it will be given a chance.

As a separate measure a vigorous attempt has been made to pass a bill providing for the ex-tension of Massachusetts avenue to the site of the new Methodist University. Other streets and avenues have been extended to some extent, but the decided need of a general street extension law becomes more apparent every day.

There have been several other proposals in regard to District streets. Mr. Springer has reintroduced his bill for an avenue through the mail from the Capital to the Washington more

mall from the Capitol to the Washington mon-ument, and Col. Hains has answered Congress in regard to the inquiries as to the cost and practicability of a road along Rock creek and through the redeemed land on the river front. It has been proposed to make this a grand drive, with wide roadways for carriages, horsemen and pedestrians.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL. The fate of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal,

which was almost entirely washed in by the big freshet of 1889, has been of the greatest interest to Washington. During the year the legal fight for possession of the property has been waged hotly. The bondholders and others demanded a receiver and the Maryland legislaand Capt. Bell the Tappan prize. in his message to the legislature advised that was immediately formed for that purpose. Judge Cox for the District granted the petition for receiver in January. The debate in the Maryland legislature was protracted, but finally ended in the passage of the bill leasing the canal to a railroad. Judge Alvey of Maryland took a hand in the matter, and in March appointed receivers for the canal. The receiver went to work and at the same time the legal fight continued before Judge Alvey. The tition for possession of the canal. The majority of these bonds were held by the Baitimore and Ohio Company. In October Judge Alvey gave the bondholders until May to repair the canal as a waterway. A large bond was to be filed and it was not known whether the bondholders out that more school buildings were needed of '44 were in earnest in their efforts to repair the canal. In December, however, the bond was filed and the trustees took possession. There is now every indication that the canal will be repaired and Washington will not be deprived of its waterway in that direction. A COLUMBUS MEMORIAL. Washington failed to secure the world's fair

and there does not seem to be a very brilliant prospect of her securing any memorial of the discoverer of the country. There have been innumerable propositions for a memorial of some sort in this city to commemorate the any shape is a proposition for a \$50,000 statue of Columbus to be erected in this city. The Senate has passed a bill providing for such a statue, but the House has shown no inclination to move in the matter. DISTRICT BRIDGES.

The District is richer one bridge since last January, the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge having been finished and dedicated during the year. The bridge was finished in March and August 26 was opened and dedicated with monster celebration and parade.

A strong effort has been made for a new

the present rickety structure on the Benning road and the House has passed a bill appropriating \$60,000 for that purpose.

The question of a new bridge across the branch at the foot of South Capitol street has also been unitated during the year.

the good work nevertheless goes steadily on, and it may be said that now two-thirds of the and it may be said that now two-thirds of the niling in and forming of the park has been completed. The filling in, however, was only one portion of the work, and taking everything into consideration it is safe to assume that four-fifths of the actual work of changing this locality from a recking morass to a handsome park has been completed. For instance, the work of dredging the channel to the required work of dredging the channel to the required depth has been finished as has the tidal reservoir, one of the main features of the scheme. In March when work was suspended for a time on account of a lack of funds it was estimated that \$1,141,365 would be required to finish according to the plans. Col. Hains asked that in the river and harbor bill \$600,000 be appropriated and thought that by doing so money could be saved and the work finished in two years.

vears. THE WATER SUPPLY.

During 1890 water was turned on the new main and Capitol Hill was relieved of the drought which has troubled that locality for so long. The new main is forty-eight inches and has many connecting branches. Ground was broken for this work in August, 1889, and March 20 of the past year the water was turned on. The city is now, with very few exceptions, well supplied with water. Washington's water supply, coming as it does from Great Falls, is considered by experts to be represented. considered by experts to be remarkably pure. Fault has been found with the turbidity of the water and in time this defect will probably be

remedied.

Washington has not as yet been refunded the money extracted from her exchequer on account of the abandoned tunnel, but the tunnel itself has created considerable talk in Congress during the year. The feasibility of laying pipes in the tunnel has been inquired into.

SEWERAGE STSTEM. In July the board of experts appointed in 1889 to inquire into and report to Congress on the sewerage system of the District and what

Washington, as every other city, has felt

something of the labor troubles which have been so marked a feature of the year 1890. A firm and decided effort has been made by the local labor organizations to have an eight-hour law enacted for government laborers in this city. This law was to be an entering wedge for a general eight-hour law. Several hearings were held before congressional committees and action is still bened for the firm intention of allowing no more over-band absertic wires to be creeted within the September 1 was largely celebrated in this

city as a labor day.

There have been several local strikes during the year. In March the journeymen barbers struck and in August the mechanics at Joyce's carriage factory followed suit. September was marked by a strike for eight hours among the house painters. Renewed effort has been made to have the

mechanics' lien law amended. Hearings have

been given by the House District committee on the subject and the Bar Association has taken an active part in the fight. CHARITIES AND CHURCHES.

the high standard which it has set. During the last twelve months street improvements of considerable magnitude have been carried out. The appropriation for streets for 1839-90 was \$762,000; for 1890-91, \$552,000; for country roads, 1889-90, \$135,425; for 1890-91, \$178,950. Various kinds of pavements have been put down

and many other streets have been graded and city and of the establishment of the patent

DISTRICT OFFICES. The year has seen many changes in District offices. The question of the fees accruing to the office of recorder of deeds has been much discussed and it has been proposed to make the office a salaried one. In January Blanche K. Bruce was appointed recorder of deeds. Levi P. Wright in August was made recorder of wills. Postmaster Ross was made Commis-sioner and Capt. Henry Sherwood postmaster in September. Maj. Jerome B. Burke in Octo-ber was appointed warden of the jail. STATUES.

The proper site for the Lafavette statue has been a vexing question, finally decided by the choice of the southeast corner of Lafayette During the year the handsome Daguerre me-morial was unveiled at the National Museum.

THE NATIONAL GUARD. As in all other local matters there has been marked advancement in that model militia organization-the District National Guard. Beneficial changes have been frequent and the work bringing the brigade up to the highest dard of excellence has known no cessation. For the first time in its history the brigade had regular rifle practice and the result was most gratifying to those interested. A team of rifle-men was selected from the command and in competition at Creedmoor, N.Y., on September 13 won the great Hilton international trophy, besides numerous prizes of minor value. The annual encampment in July was a success in every respect. It was visited by President Harrison. Secretary of War Prootor, Gen. Scho-field, a number of Senators and Representatives and a host of army and navy officers. Recently an engineer company has been formed.

The medal for marksmanship offered by THE

THE COLUMBIA CLUB. One of the features of the year was the open ing of the new Columbia Club house on April 25. The new club house is a credit to the club and to the city.

THE CITY'S ATRICTES Activity has been the watchword in athletics during 1890, and especially is this true of our amateur athletes. In base ball the year marked a failure, the club, after starting off with a rush, having been obliged to disband. There is every prospect, however, of Washington having next year an American Association team which will reflect more credit on the capital.

The great event in athletics was the meeting here in October, as the guests of the Columbia Athletic Club, of the Amateur Athletic Union. The meet was held on Analostan Island and was a success in every particular. It will be especially remembered in sporting annals for the breaking of the 100-yard record by Owens of the Detroit Club, who ran the distance in 4-5 seconds.
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In September the Columbia eight-oared crew was victorious at Staten Island, and in the same month the club held its fall games. The base ball nine from the same club was defeated by the Jerseys for the amateur championship.

The Trotting Horse Breeders' Association held a successful meeting at Benning in September, while the regular fall meeting of the Washington Jockey Club was held in November. ber.
The District interest in foot ball rose to

high pitch during the year and many exciting games resulted. The Columbia team succeeded in holding the championship.

The Analostan Boat Club opened their new iouse in June.
In local tennis McCauley won the singles and McCauley and Woodward the doubles. THE STAR ADVANCES.

The year 1890 has seen THE STAR steadily advancing in every department. Another column has been added to itsample pages and additional room found for news and advertisements. While THE STAR has advanced greatly in size and in excellence it has equally advanced in circulation and in the amount of its advertising pa-

headquarters and he was reserved for secre and dangerous duty.

Just before the fall of Alexandria, in May, 1863, and the capture of about 2,000 prisoners, Bedell was detailed to carry dispatches from headquarters to a Union post farther back in the country. It was a volunteer service, for the dangers of the undertaking were such that the Union commanders considered it a wanton taking of life to detail any one for this special taking of life to detail any one for this special service. Bedell volunteered and made the trip in safety. In March, 1864, Bedell was sent as a spy into the enemy's lines and had nearly reached the Union army again, when he was disabled by spraining his ankle. This accident was the cause of Gen. Banks' disastrous loss in the memorable Red river expedition, for had Bedell returned in season with the information in his possession Gen. Banks would not have moved as he did.

The Canadian Pacific railway authorities have asked the government to modify the tonnage clause in the Chinese immigration act. By this clause a vessel is only allowed to carry one Chinaman for every fifty tons of the vessel's registered tonnage. Thus the new Canadian Pacific railway vessels, which are of 50,000 tons register, would be limited to carrying 100 Chinese on a single trip, although the vessels may have accommodation for double that number. The suggestion is made that this limitation be removed. The company do not ask for a reduction of the per capita tax of \$50.

The Chemical Society Adjourns. The concluding session of the American Chemical Society was held yesterday in Philadelphia at the University of Pennsylvania. Prof. G. F. Barker of the University of Pennsylvania was elected president of the society for the ensuing year. Prof. Bolton, secretary of the conference of chemists assembled for the formation of a national organization, then read the report of the conference. This em-braced a series of resolutions adopted at the conference, which was participated in by rep-resentatives of the American Chemical Society, the chemical section of the American Associa-tion for the Advancement of Science, the Asso-ciation of Official Agricultural Chemists, the Washington Chemical Society, the chemical section of the Franklin Institute and the man-ufacturing chemists of the United States. Seven Children Perish in the Flames,

living near Barbour, N. C., went to church, leaving in his house five of his children and two grandchildren, whose ages ranged from a few months to fifteen years. In his absence the house in some manner took fire and the seven children perished in the flames.

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TRUSTEES SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY IN GEORGETOWN, D.C. The question of a new bridge across the branch at the foot of South Capitol street has also been agitated during the year. A new bridge across the Potomac to Arlington has also been one of the bridge topics, but nothing definite has been accomplished. Col. Hains during the year rendered a report denouncing the Long bridge nuisance.

The Potomac River.

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The work of reclaiming the Potomac river flats has progressed steadily during 1890 and the reclaimed parts are rapidly assuming a definite form. The reclaimed land will not, as it was hoped, be needed for a world's fair, but the sound of the proposed to the propo whole of the purchase money may be paid in cash, a the option of purchaser or purchasers. A deposit of \$200 will be required at time of sale, payment of the remainder of the cash in such time as may appear res sonable to trustees. On default of the purchaser of purchasers the property to be resold at the risk an cost of such defaulting purchaser or purchasers. JOHN F. ENNIS, Trustee, 486 La. ave. HUGH T. TAGGART, Trustee, de23-dts

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The Chicago Bank Robbers Held.

The South Chicago bank robbers were yesterday arraigned, and the case was continued until January 6. The court fixed bonds for Featherstone (alias Hennessy), Corbett and Mullen at \$20,000 each, and those of Bennett, who shot Watchman O'Brien in the leg, at \$15,000. Bennett and Corbett made a full confession to Chief Marsh concerning the particulars of the vobbery. According to their story Featherstone and Mullen were the principals and they (Bennett and Corbett) tools.

Want the Chinese Immigration Act Changed. The Canadian Pacific railway authorities have asked the government to readify the treatment of the property soid of all cash, at option of purchaser, it terms of sale are not completed in the (10) days of sale the trustees reserve the rich to resell at risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser after five days advertisement of such resale in some news paper published in Washington, D.C. A deposit of two hundred dollars (#200) per year and interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable quarterly, semi-annus six hundred dollars (#200) per year and interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable quarterly, semi-annus six hundred dollars (#200) per year and interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable quarterly semi-annus six hundred dollars (#200) per year and interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable quarterly, semi-annus six hundred dollars (#200) per year and interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable quarterly, semi-annus six hundred dollars (#200) per year and interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable quarterly, semi-an

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Terms of sale: One-third of purchase money to be paid in cash and residue in tweive (12) and eighteen (18) months, with interest at six (6) per cent per annual, interest payable semi-annually, for which purchaser is to give promissory notes secured by deed of trust on property sold, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. If the terms of sale are not complied with in ten (10) days from the day of sale the trustees reserve the right to resell at risk of defaulting purchaser. A deposit of \$200 will be required when bid is accepted.

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